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43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR RECOGNITION OF LA
HERENCIA EN SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, a meeting of the open forum of Indian peoples at
the ninth inter-American Indian institute in November 1985
addressed the need of Indian peoples to effectively defend the
exercise of their human and political rights and the right of
self-determination; and

WHEREAS, it is the wish of these Indian peoples to
contribute to the defense of their political rights and their
right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, as long ago as territorial days and as recently as
1987, the legislature gave recognition and legal credence to
land grants, acequia associations and small claim exceptions as
well as to the rights of the people of La Herencia en Santa Fe;

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2 WHEREAS, in 1991 and 1992, the United States congress
3 deliberated over the Indian Tribal Justice Recognition Act of
4 1991, which if enacted will provide legal grounds for
5 recognizing La Herencia en Santa Fe as an Indian tribe;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the local governments of New Mexico be
8 urged to take the first step in giving recognition to La
9 Herencia en Santa Fe by acknowledging them and bestowing on them
10 the same rights as Native American tribes now have, through all
11 appropriate ordinances, budgets and administrative actions; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all land grant heirs, acequia
13 associations and small claim exceptions be requested to comply
14 with all applicable state laws; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the New Mexico municipal league and the New
17 Mexico association of counties for distribution to their
18 respective members.